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25X1B 1. A general inspected the troops in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne of BRANDENBURG (N 53/Z 23) on 18 October 1949. About 60 officers and 500 troops had fallen in for inspection. Following a review of the troops, the general, riding in staff car [redacted] departed toward RATHENOW (N 53/Z 15) where the superior headquarters was said to be located. Officers accompanying the general rode passenger car [redacted] 25X1B

2. The troops from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne marched to the military cemetery on the occasion of the Revolution Celebration on 7 and 8 November 1949. About 60 officers and 400 BM left the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne and about 30 officers and 500 BM left the Flak Kaserne.

3. It was learned from German employees that the artillery unit in the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne had the numerical designation "7" and a unit in the Flak Kaserne the numerical designation "5". The units were assigned to superior unit headquarters in Rathenow.

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Comment:

a. It is known from previous information that artillery units (headquarters units of the Third Shock Army or GHQ units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany GOF/G?) are stationed in the two mentioned BRANDENBURG kasernes.

b. An artillery unit with the numerical designation "7" was reported to be in the BRANDENBURG Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne in March 1949 (F). According to vague information, the 3rd Gds Arty Div was assumed to belong to the IV Arty Corps. The 7th Gds Light Arty Brig is known to have fought in Germany as a component unit of the 3rd Gds Arty Div. More information on the 7th Gds Light Arty Brig is required before a definite statement can be made. Wartime records do not contain any data on an artillery unit with the numerical designation "5". The unit concerned may also be a brigade.

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